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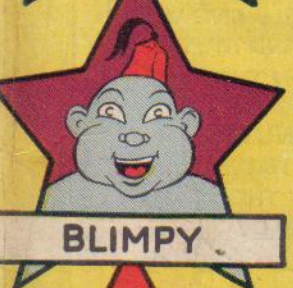
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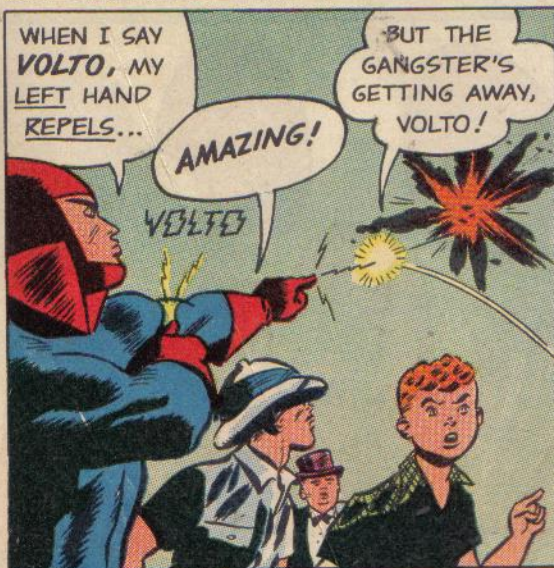
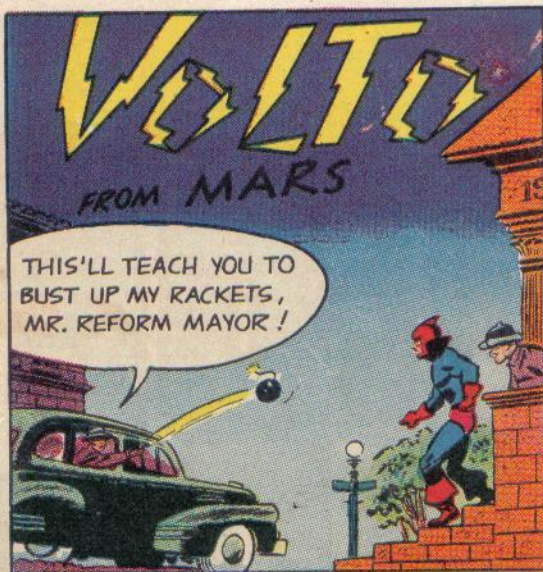
SWING SISSON

The
**DOLL
MAN**
...IS HE
A KILLER
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THE DOLL MAN



WANTED!
For Attempted
MURDER!



DARREL DANE
\$5,000 REWARD!

WHAT??... DARRELL DANE, THE
KINDLY CRIME-FIGHTING **DOLL**
MAN, A WOULD-BE KILLER?...
IMPOSSIBLE! ... YET---

IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS
HORRIFIED FIANCEE, MARTHA
ROBERTS, HE EMPTIED A
PISTOL INTO THE BODY OF
HER OWN FATHER!

IS IT ANY WONDER **DOLL**
MAN DOUBTED HIS OWN
SANITY WHEN HE SET OUT
TO TRAP A KILLER THAT
WAS ...
HIMSELF ???

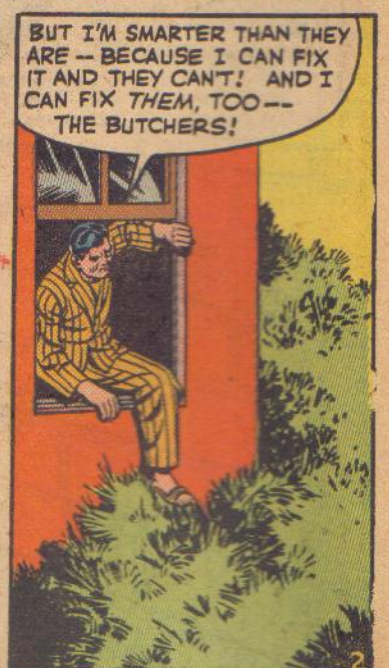
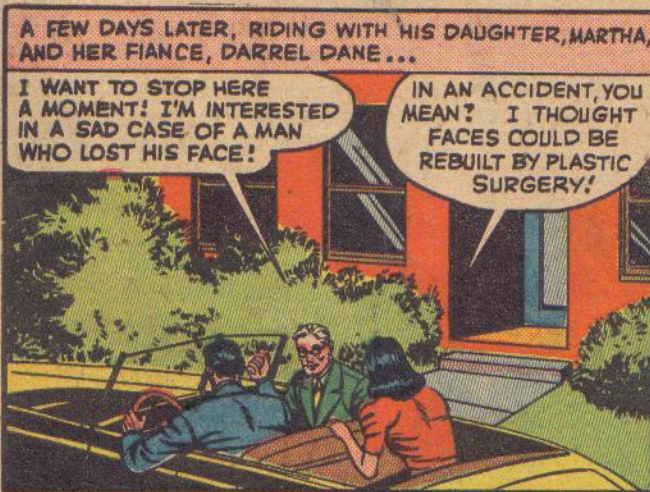
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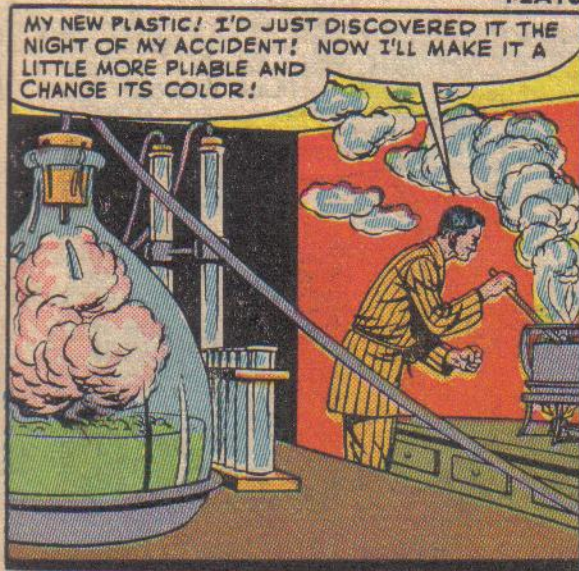
IMPOSSIBLE!

INCREDIBLE!

THE WORD,
GENTLEMEN,
IS ---
HORRIBLE!

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Later, AT THE HOME OF DR. ROBERTS...

IT'S AWFUL! BASCOM FLED THE HOSPITAL RIGHT AFTER WE WERE THERE! THAT MEANS HE'S SEEN HIS FACE -- KNOWS THE WORST!

THE SHOCK MUST HAVE BEEN HORRIBLE--ENOUGH TO JAR A MAN'S SANITY! I'LL SEE IF I CAN PICK UP ANY TRACE OF HIM NEAR THE HOSPITAL!

GO HUNT FOR ME, FOOL! YOUR LEAVING MAKES MY PLAN PERFECT!

A MOMENT LATER...

WH-WHY, DARREL! DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING?

YES-- YES, I FORGOT SOMETHING, MY DEAR!...

I FORGOT TO DO SOMETHING I'VE WANTED TO DO FOR A LONG TIME!

DARREL! Y-YOU MUST BE INSANE!

IS THIS A JOKE?

A VERY FINE JOKE, DON'T YOU THINK? I'LL CHANGE YOUR FACE!

NO!! EEEEEEEK!

ARGH-H-H-H!

POLICE!... AMBULANCE!... PLEASE HURRY!!

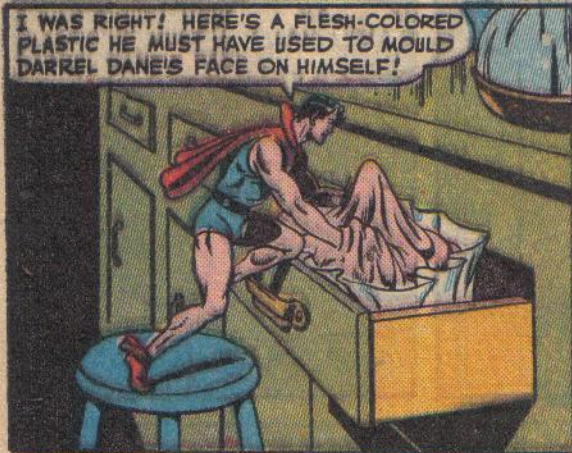
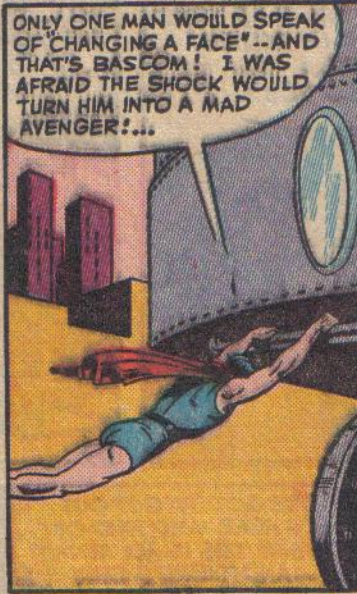
HOW EASY MURDER IS WHEN YOU HAVE A PLAN! NOW I MUST FIND THOSE OTHER THREE BUTCHERS!

LATER, WHEN DARREL DANE, HIMSELF, APPEARS...

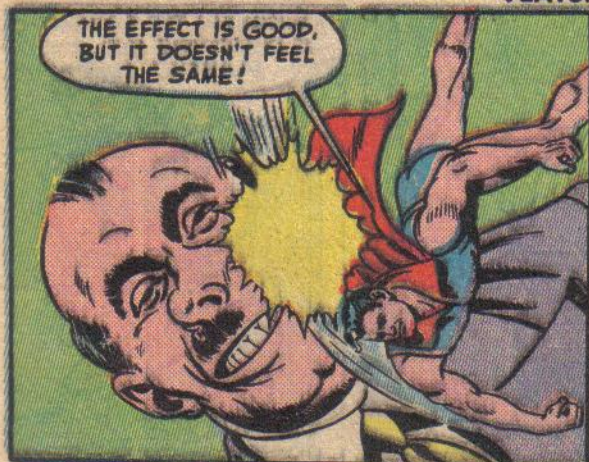
NO LUCK! I'LL TELL ----- WHAT? POLICE CARS AND AN AMBULANCE! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED!



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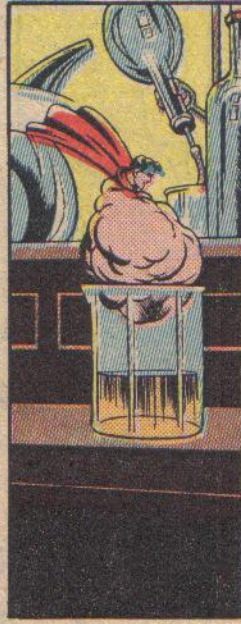


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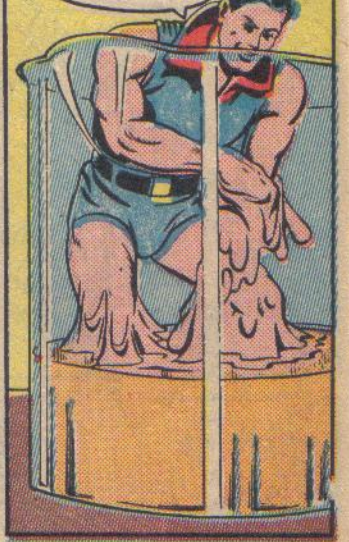


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THERE'S ONE CHANCE IN A MILLION! IF I COULD GET THIS BLOB OF PLASTIC ROCKING HARD ...



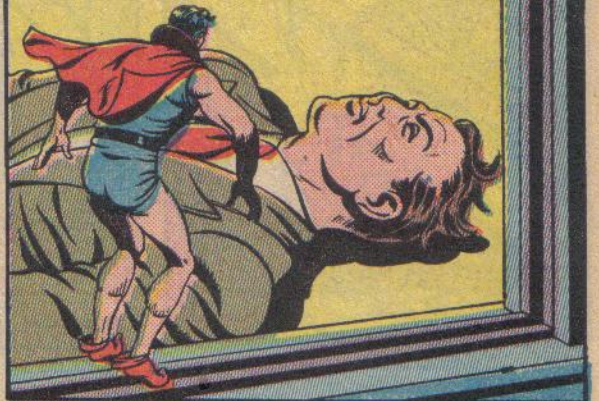
IT WORKED! THE SOLVENT IS DISSOLVING THE PLASTIC!



I HAVEN'T A SECOND TO LOSE! HE WAS DISGUISED AS EVANS -- SO THAT MEANS HE'LL KILL EITHER HAND OR SCHOLL FIRST ... BUT WHICH?



DR. HAND -- ALREADY MURDERED! ... I MUST GET TO SCHOLL!

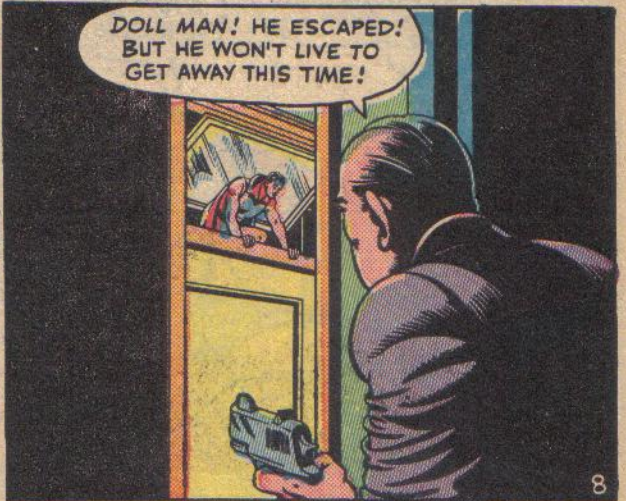


MEANWHILE, THE KILLER, DISGUISED AS DR. EVANS...

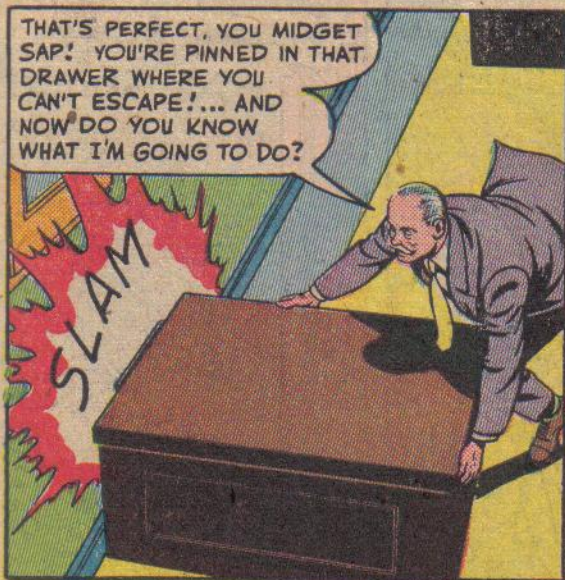
CONFOUND SCHOLL! HE'S NOT HERE! BUT I'LL WAIT FOR HIM ---- WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?



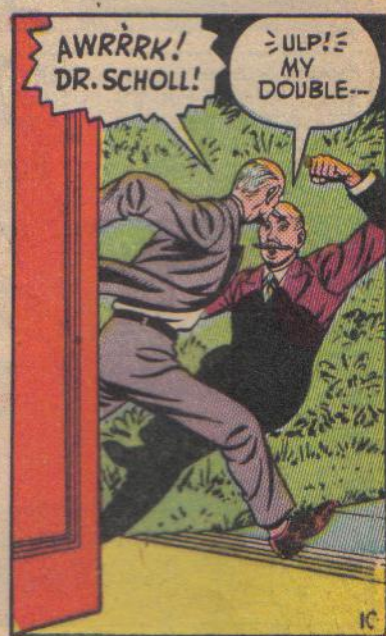
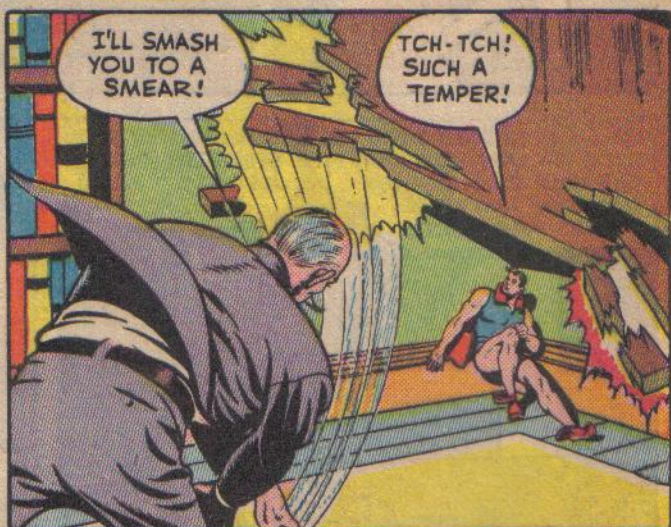
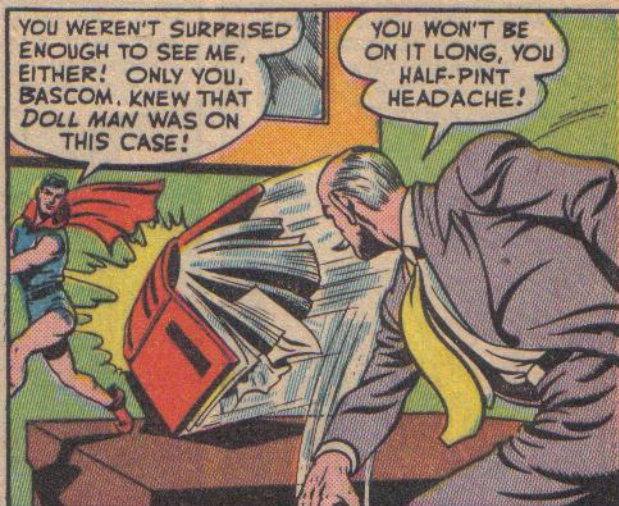
DOLL MAN! HE ESCAPED! BUT HE WON'T LIVE TO GET AWAY THIS TIME!



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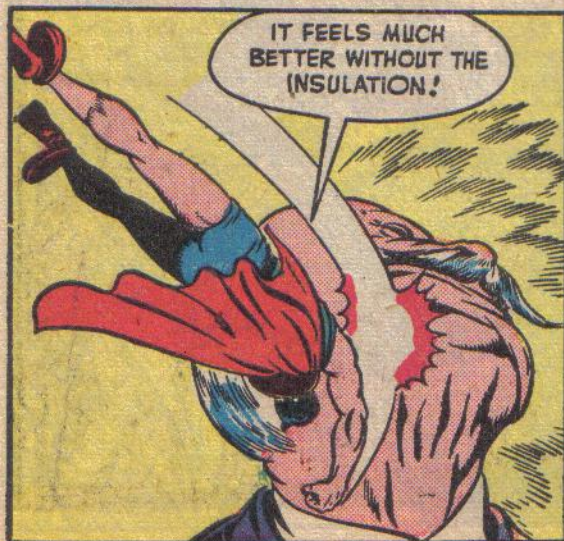
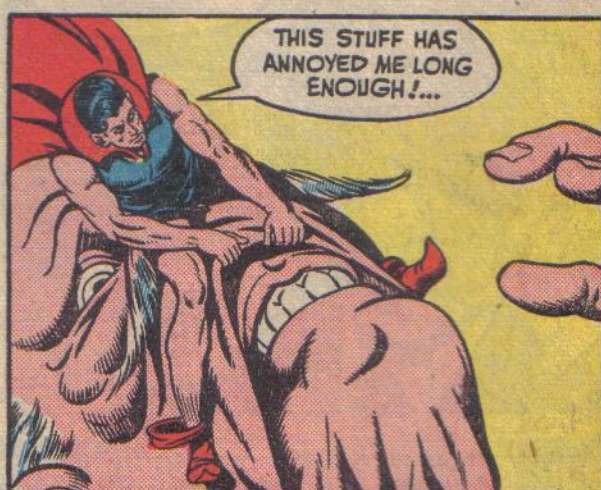
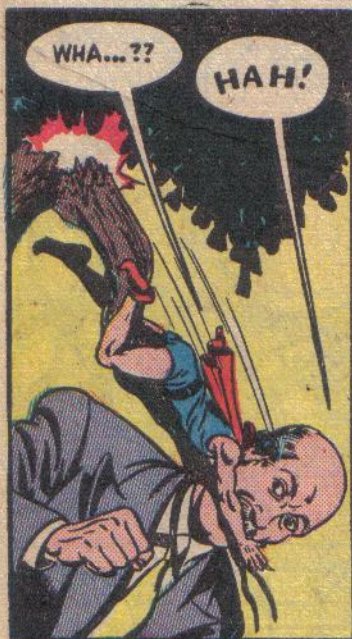
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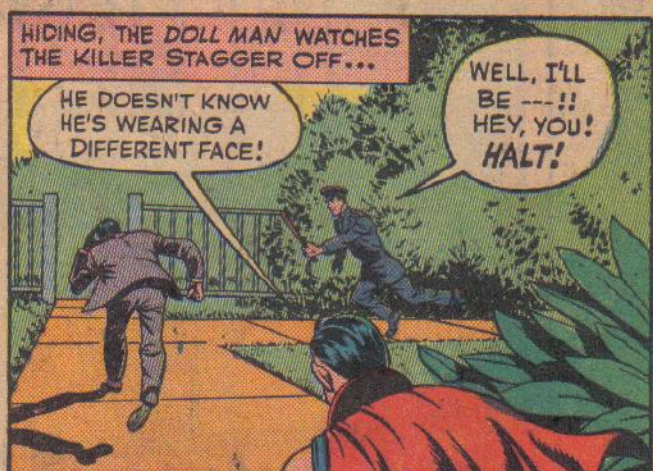
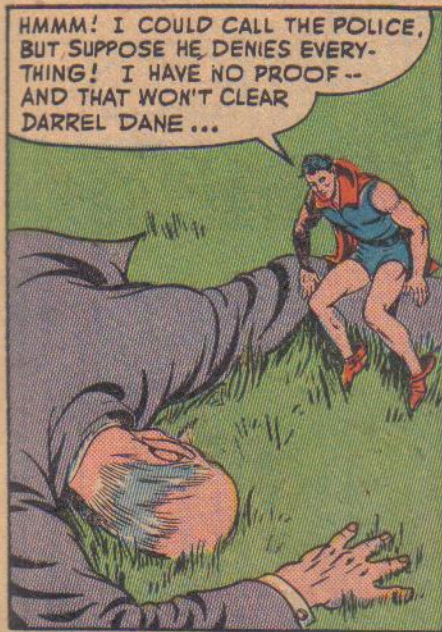
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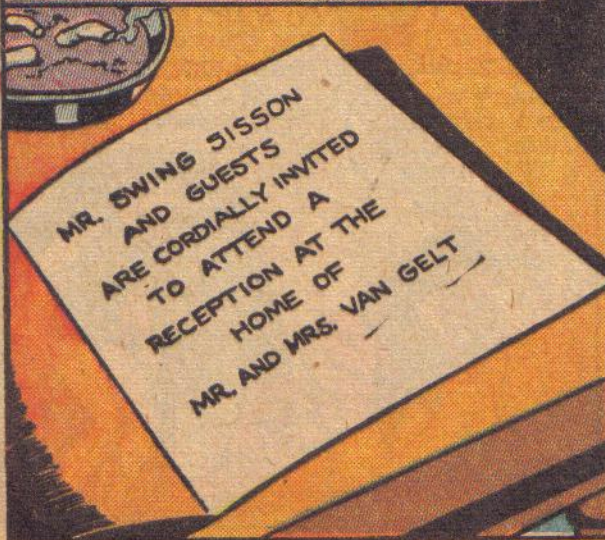
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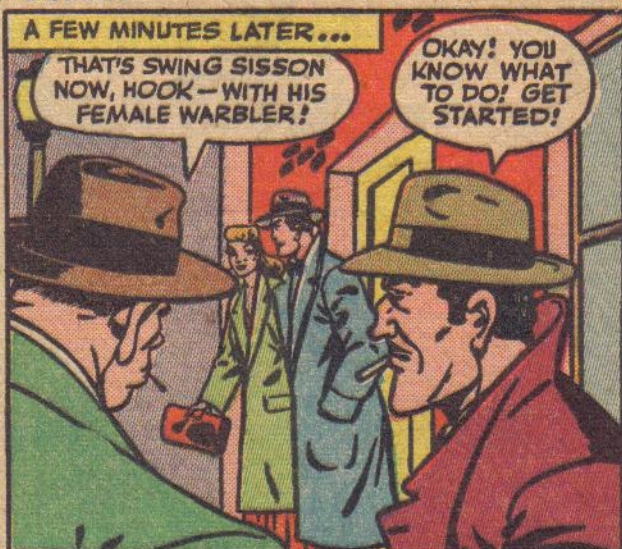
SWING SISSON, FAMOUS BAND LEADER, NEVER CONDUCTED A MORE UNUSUAL GROUP OF MUSICIANS THAN THOSE LED BY THE NOTORIOUS HOOK MARTIN! FOR THEY KEPT TIME TO THE STACCATO RHYTHM OF GUNFIRE, AND WERE EQUALLY AT HOME WITH BLACKJACK OR TROMBONE!

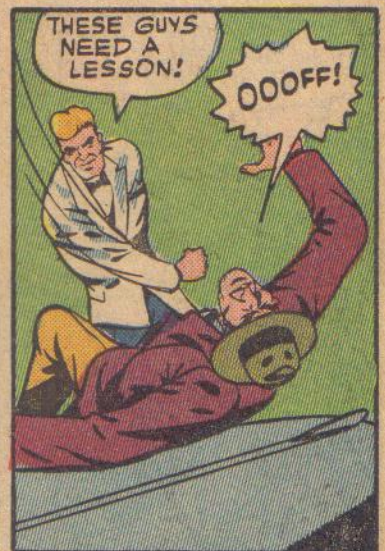
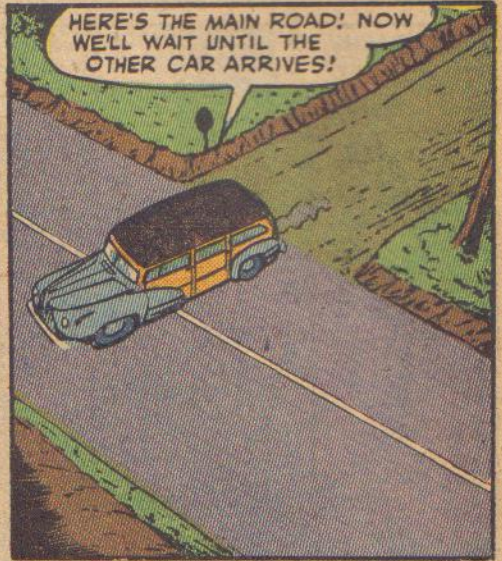
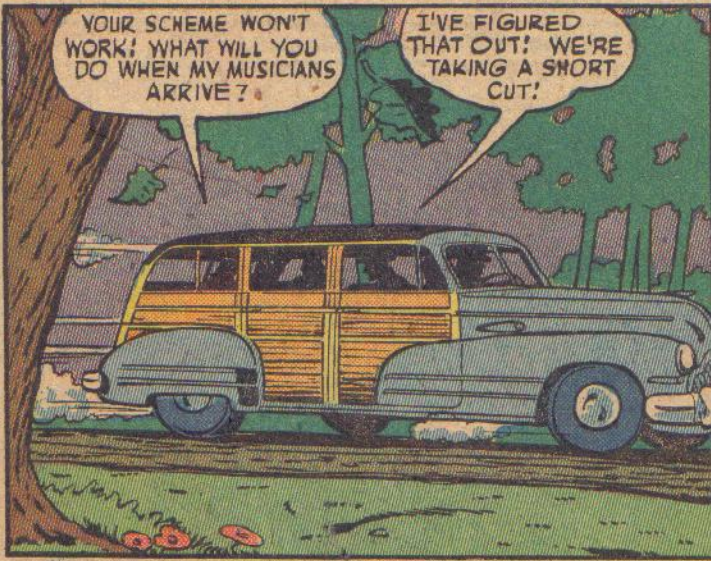


IT ALL BEGAN WITH AN INVITATION...



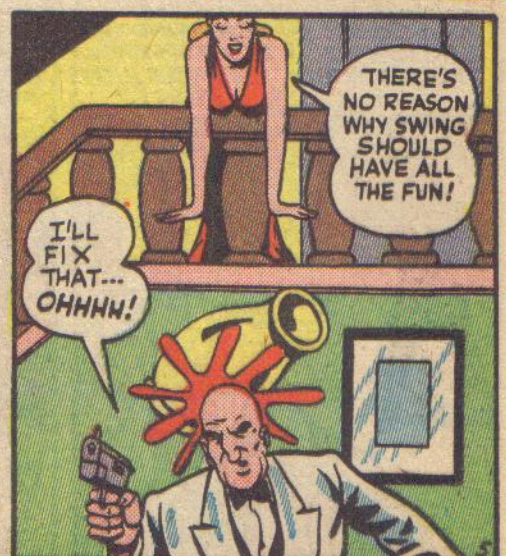
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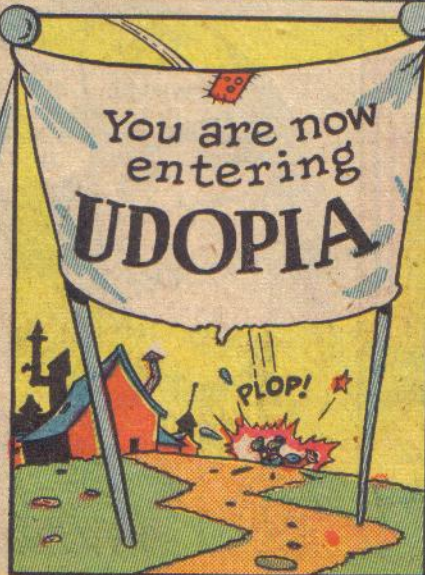
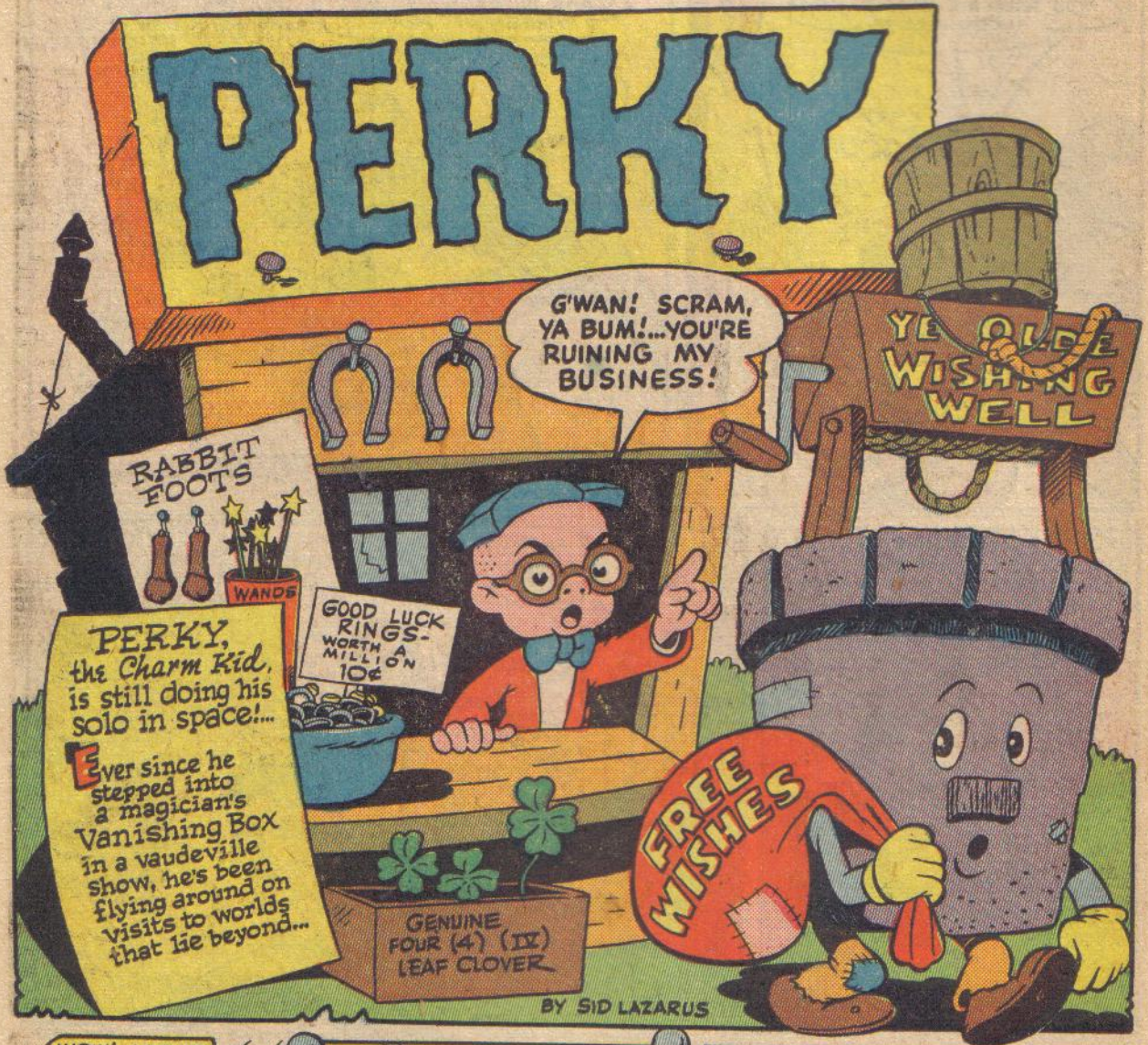
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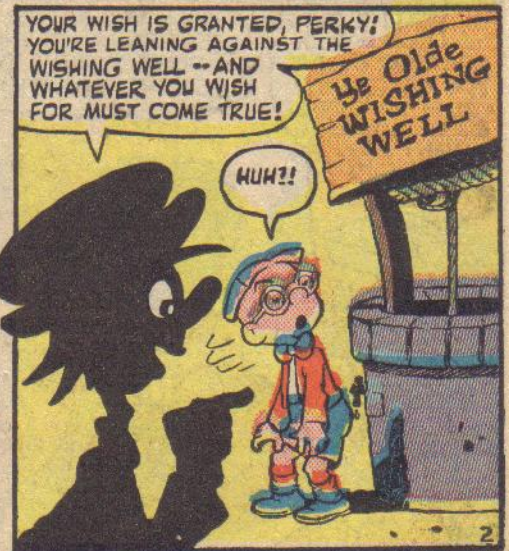
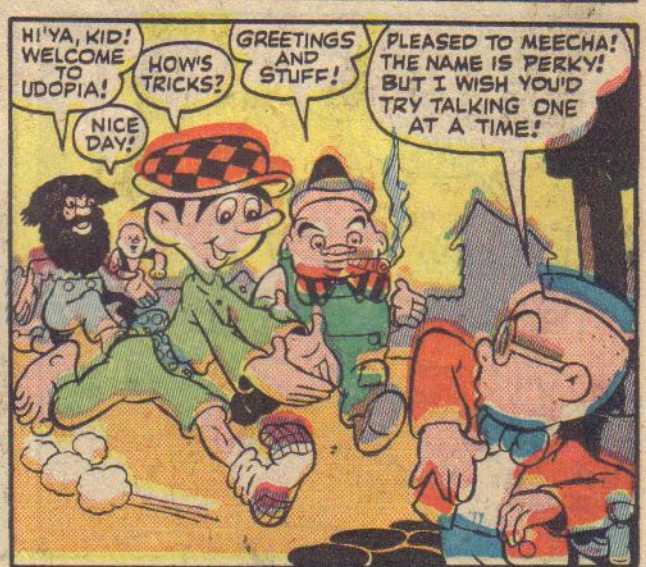
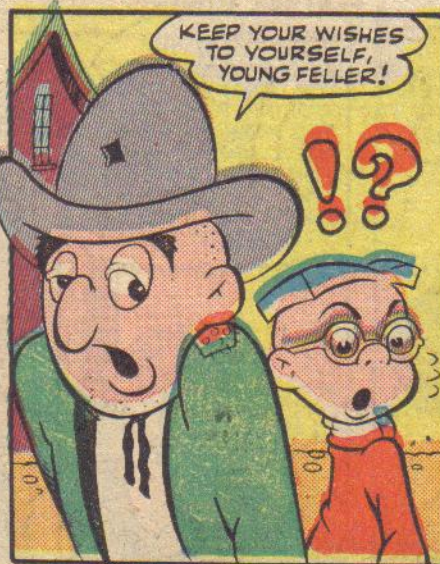


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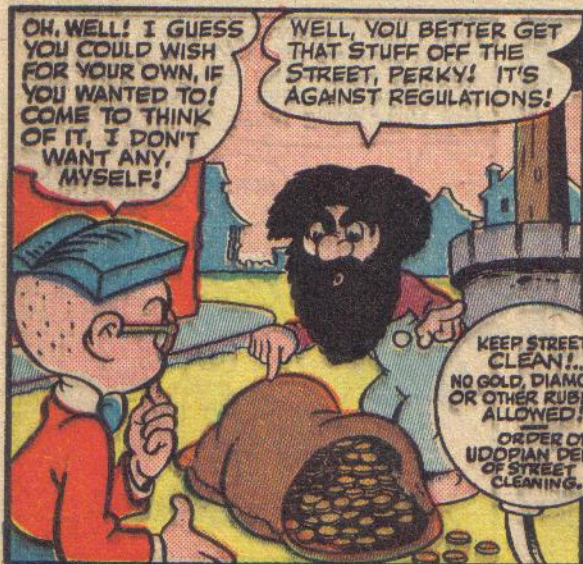
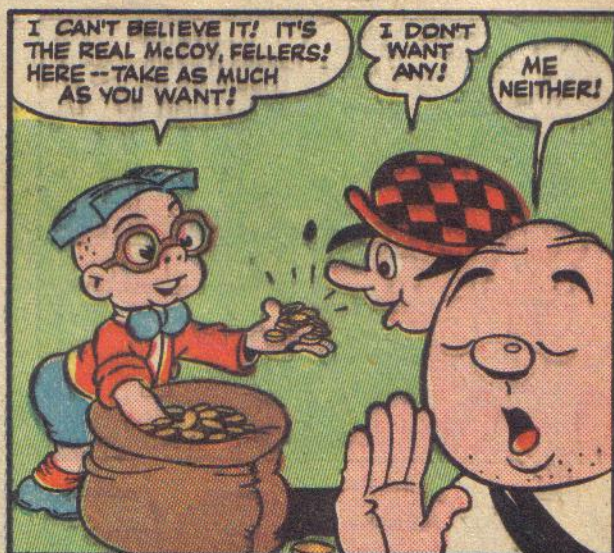




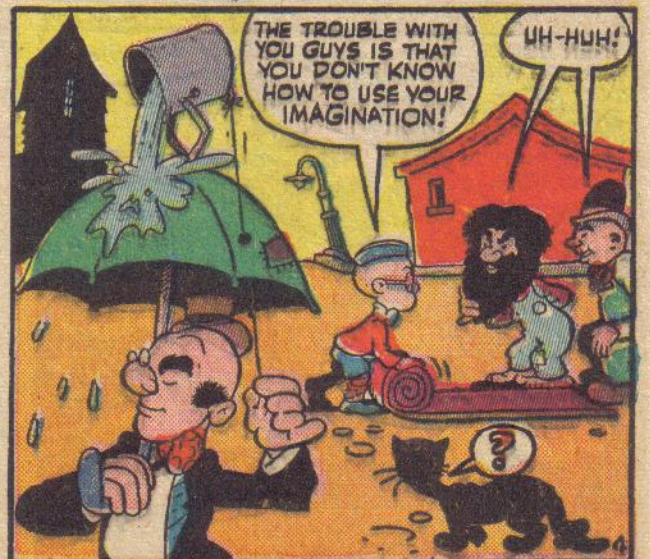
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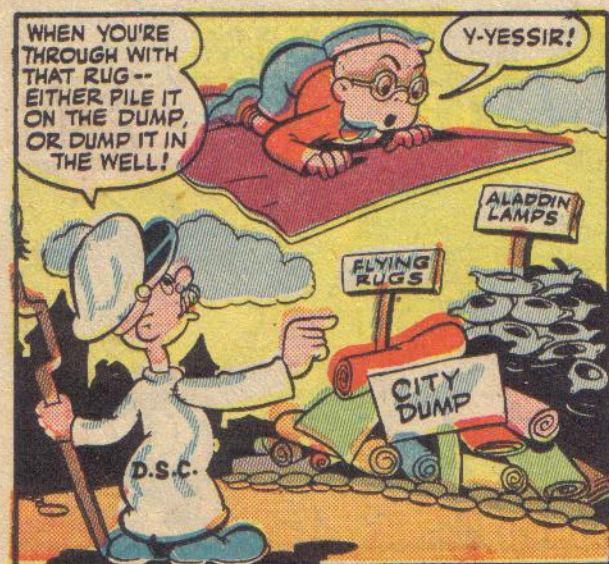
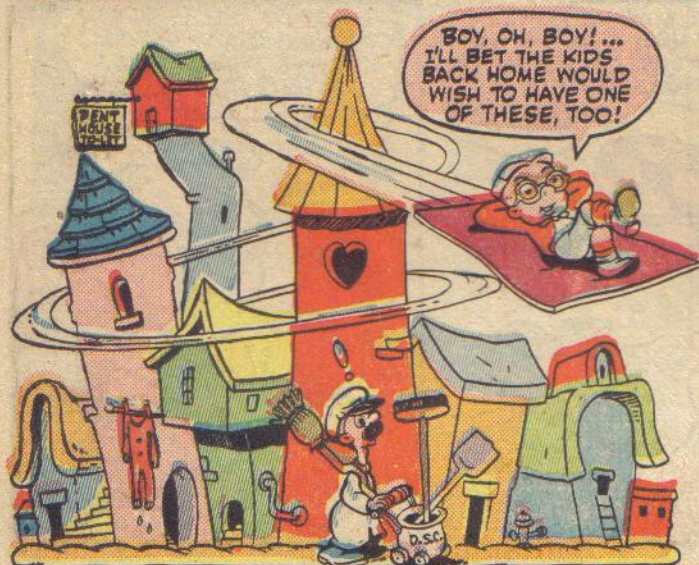
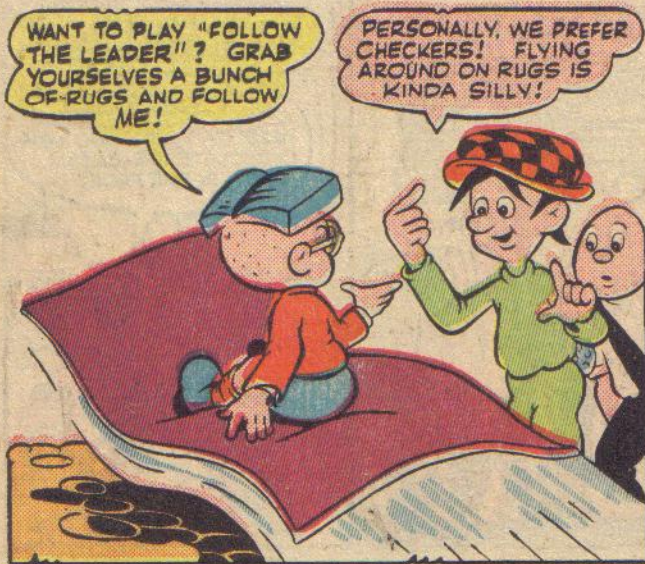
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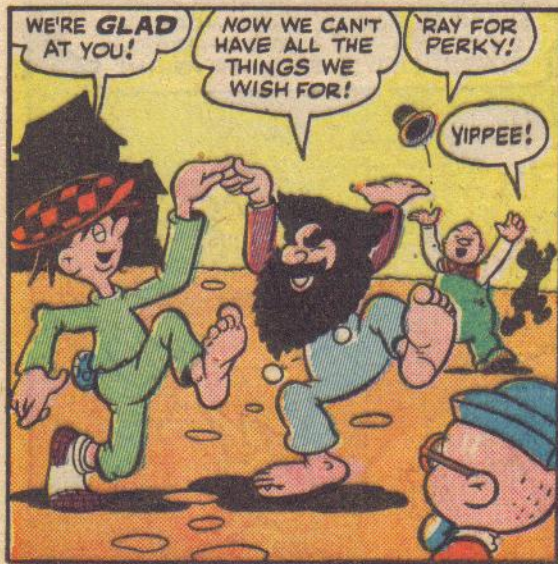
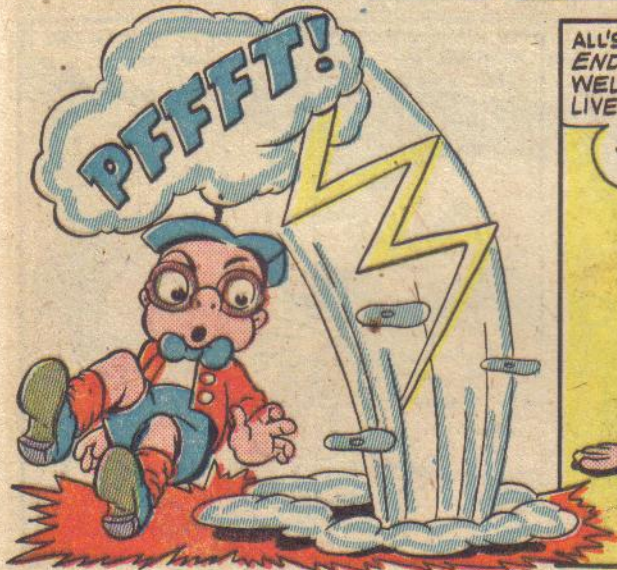
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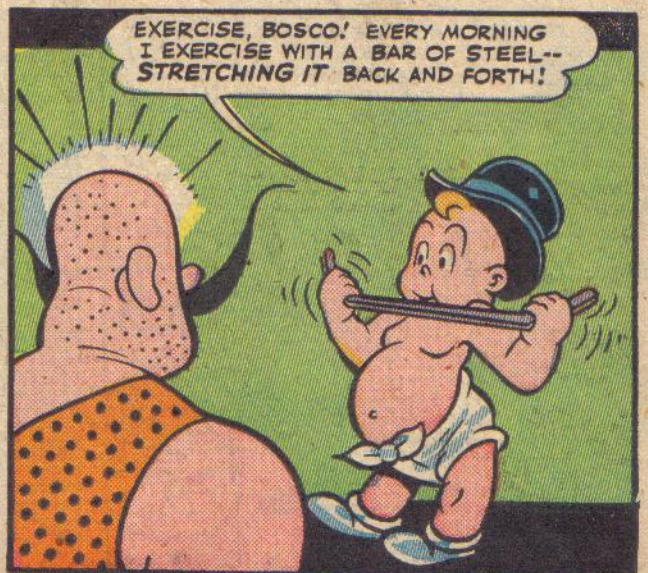
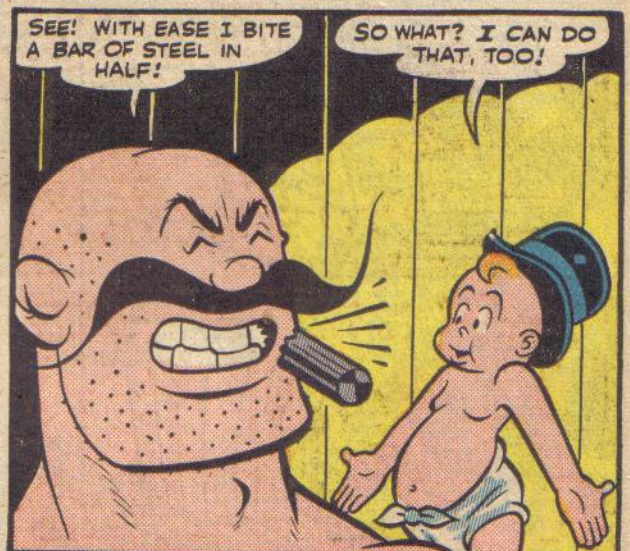
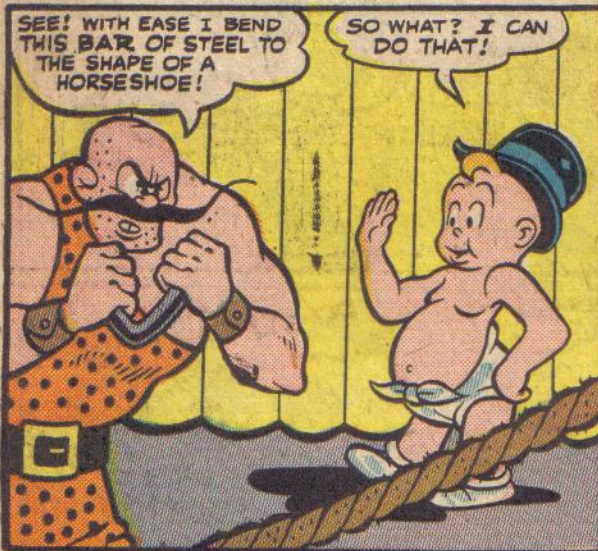
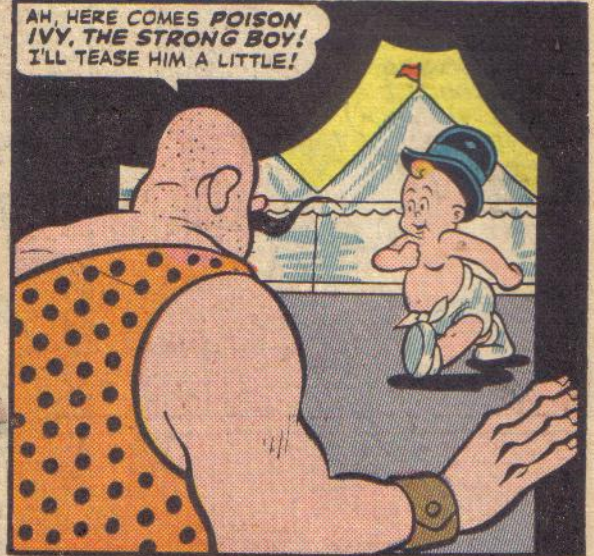
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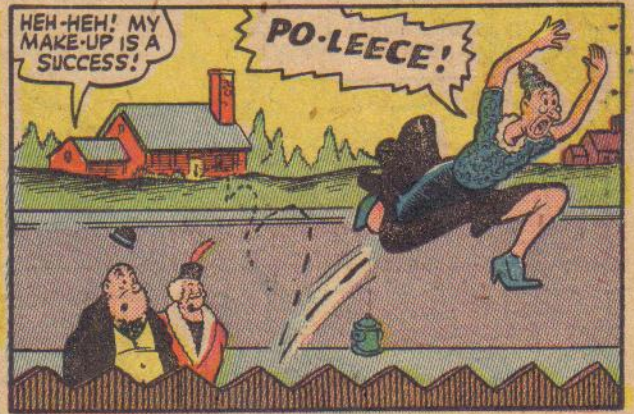
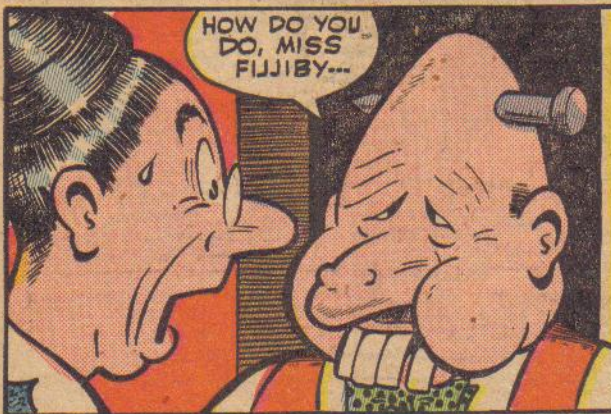
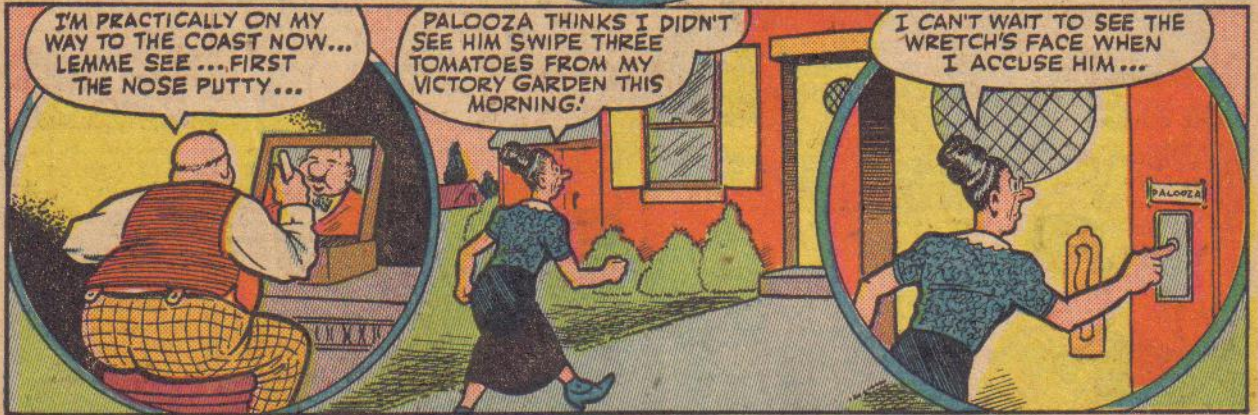
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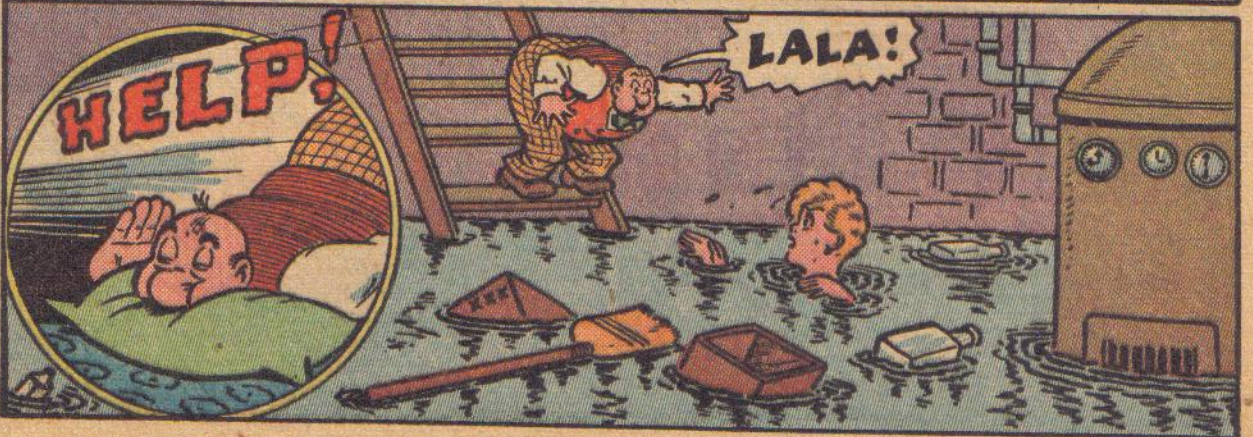


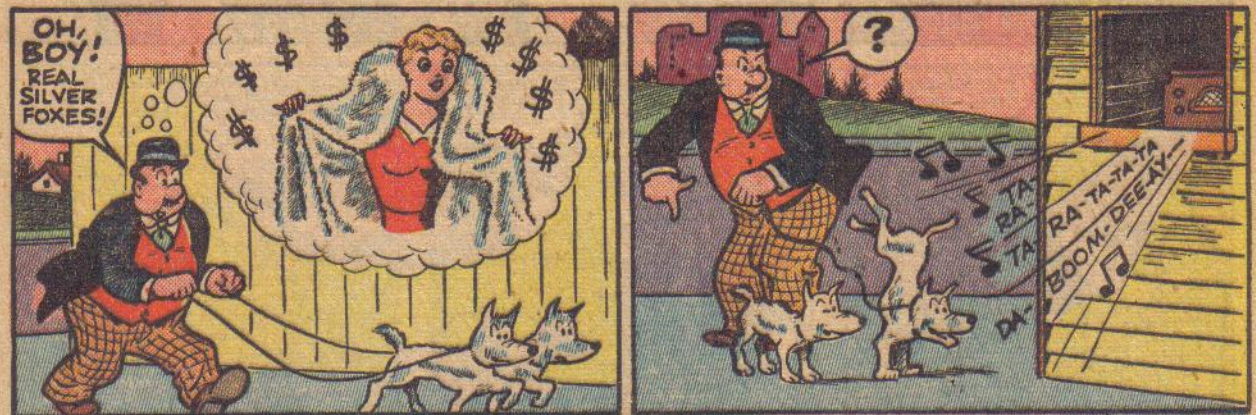
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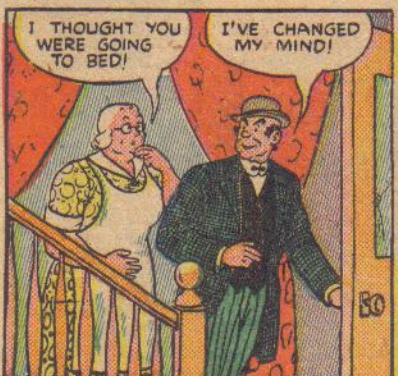
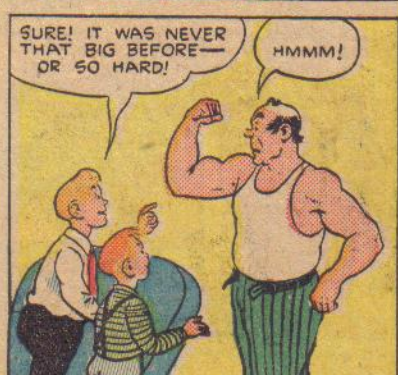
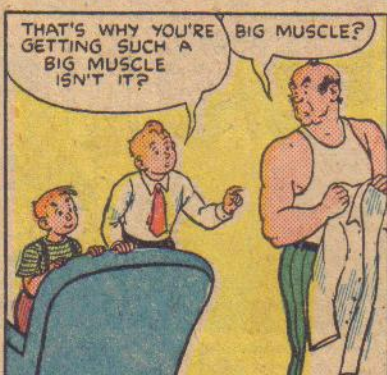






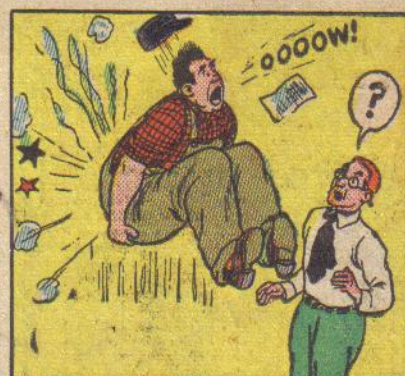
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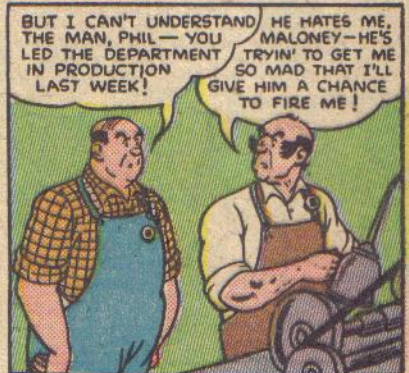
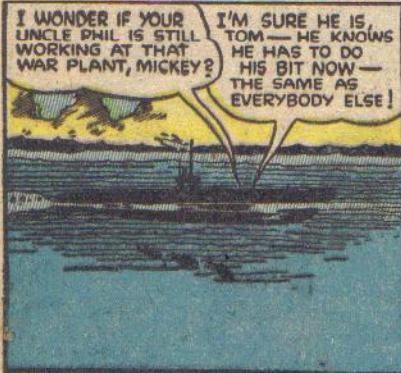
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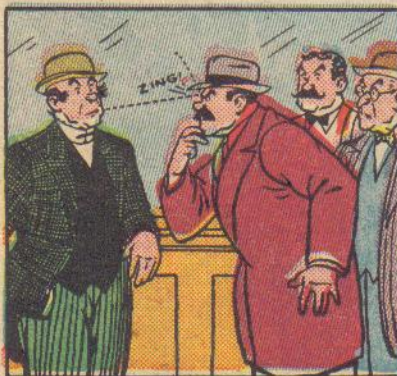
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EARLY IN THE WAR, DR. JOHN RAYAC WAS REPORTED KILLED BY THE JAPS --BUT NATIVES SAY HE REACHED THIS REMOTE ISLAND SAFELY! WE WANT HIM AND HIS TROPICAL SCIENCE TO HELP REORGANIZE THE PACIFIC!



WE'RE SENDING YOU BECAUSE LANDING ON THAT LITTLE LAGOON IS TOUGH!

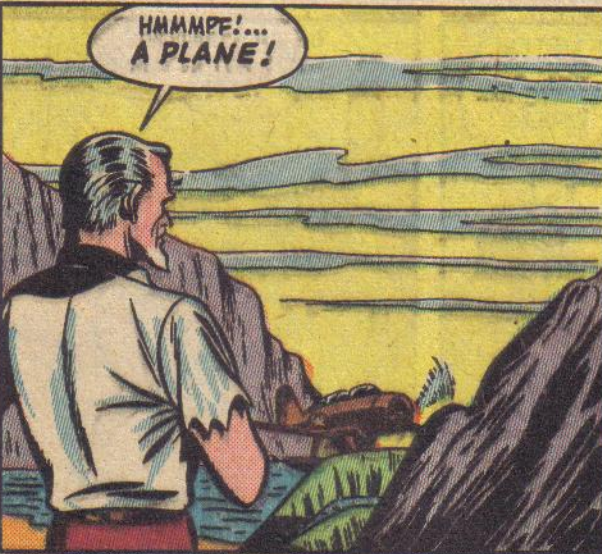
IT'S PRACTICALLY DONE! I'LL HAVE HIM HERE IN TIME FOR LATE SUPPER!



THERE'S THE ISLAND --TRICKY LANDING, YES, BUT-----



HMMMP!... A PLANE!



ARE YOU DR. RAYAC? I'VE COME TO RESCUE YOU!

YES! YES! -- BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE RESCUED! GO AWAY!



THE WHOLE WORLD HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU! IT NEEDS YOUR SCIENCE---

THAT'S JUST IT! I WORKED MYSELF SICK ON SCIENCE! WHEN I WASHED ASHORE ON THIS ISLAND PARADISE, I LEARNED REAL HAPPINESS!

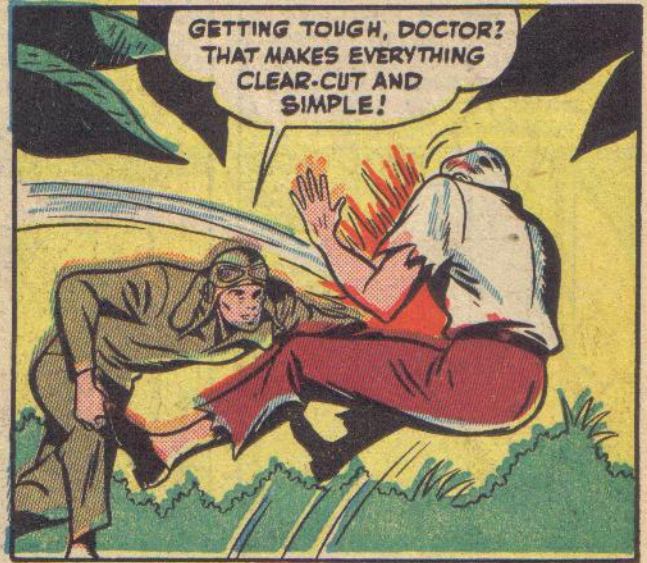


THESE NATIVES THINK I'M A GOD--AND TREAT ME LIKE ONE! I LIKE IT! I'M STAYING!

I WAS SENT TO BRING YOU! AND YOU'D BETTER COME ALONG, OR--



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RUSTY RYAN

and The
BOYVILLE
BRIGADIERS



WHAT YOU
GONNA DO,
MISTAH
RUSTY?

DISINFECT ANOTHER
PACIFIC ISLAND,
PIERPONT!

"JUST LET US KNOW
WHERE THEY ARE---
THAT'S ALL!!!"

--- COMMUNICATION
89-X,
RUSTY RYAN

THE BOYVILLE BRIGADIERS,
TRAINED YOUNG AMERICANS
FROM BOYVILLE, U.S.A.,
DON'T WAIT FOR THE
ENEMY TO FIND THEM...

THEY FIND THE ENEMY,
AND THEN -----



YOU MEAN WE'RE
LANDING ON THAT
SEAGOING
ROCKPILE,
RUSTY?

THIS IS
THE PLACE!



DIS DON'T LOOK
LIKE NO PICNIC
PARK! PRETTY
RUGGED AN'
UGLY!

THAT'S JUST
THE POINT!



KIN YOU
READ DAT
JAP MONKEY
WRITIN',
MISTUH
RUSTY?

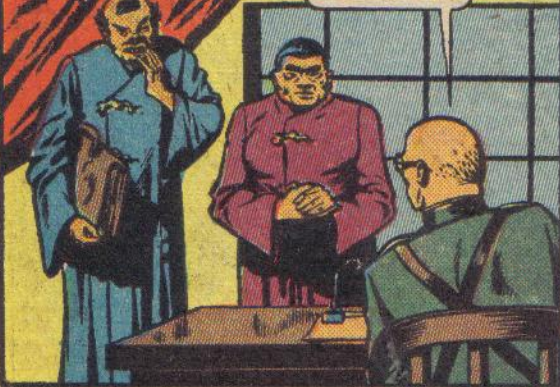
A LITTLE! WHEN
THOSE TWO DEPOSED
CABINET MINISTERS
DODGED US AT THE
LAST STOP, THEY
DROPPED THIS! I
CAN READ THE
LATITUDE AND
LONGITUDE--WHICH
WORK OUT TO
THIS ISLAND!

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PERHAPS WE SHOULD GO BACK IN TIME -- TO THE DAY WHEN THE JAPANESE CABINET WAS FORCED TO RESIGN BECAUSE OF DEFEATS ---

WE HAVE LOST FACE! CABINET MINISTER OKYO AND I WILL COMMIT HARI-KIRI!

NOT SO, MINISTER GENJI!... EVERY JAPANESE IS NEEDED FOR DEFENSE! WE SEND YOU TO WAR FRONT AS SUPPLY OFFICERS!



BUT BAD LUCK FOLLOWS THE DEPOSED DIPLOMATS...

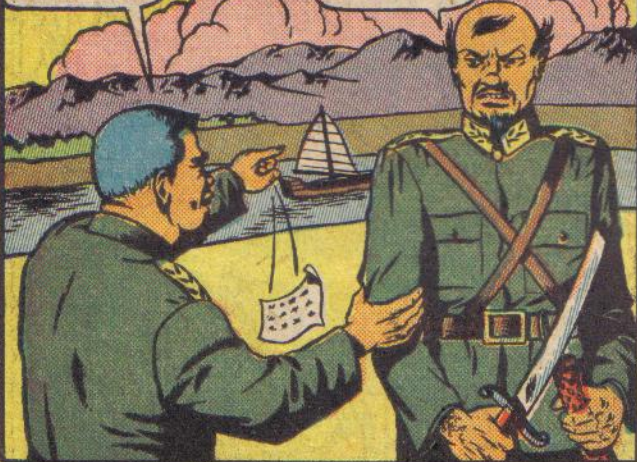
OUR SOLDIERS ARE DRIVEN BACK -- AND THE BOYVILLE BRIGADIERS HAVE TURNED OUR LEFT FLANK ---

ONLY WAY TO SAVE HONOR IS HARI-KIRI!



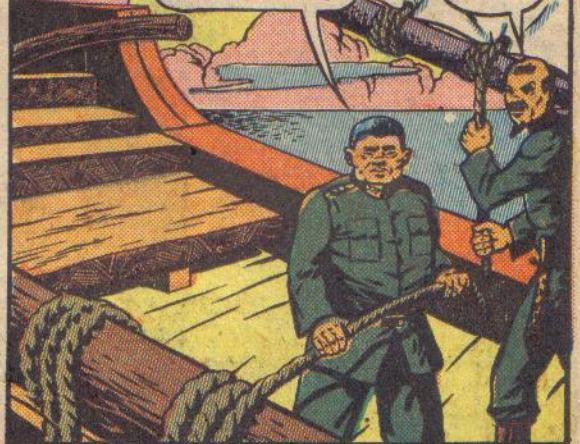
NO! WE ESCAPE! I HAVE PREPARED FOR THIS!

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND, OKYO! BUT LEAD THE WAY!



OUR GERMAN BROTHERS DO NOT COMMIT SUICIDE! THEY LIVE FOR FUTURE PLANNING!

IS THAT GOOD?



OKYO'S DESTINATION -- A CERTAIN ROCKY SHORE...

SEE! MEN TO SERVE US -- DESERTERS FROM THE BATTLE FRONT!

FURTHER DEGRADATION! BETTER TO DIE LIKE JAPANESE HERO ---



NO, WE LIVE! WE ARE LEADERS, THINKERS, PLANNERS!

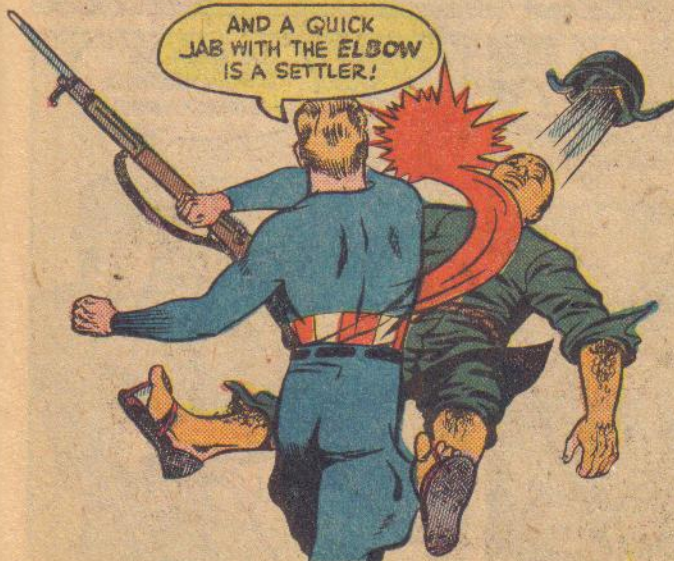
PLANNERS FOR WHAT?



FORGOTTEN ON THIS ISLAND, WILL AVOID DEFEAT! START PLANNING WAR OF FUTURE! -- WHEN JAPAN WILL CONQUER! AND YOU AND I, GENJI, WILL BE RULERS!



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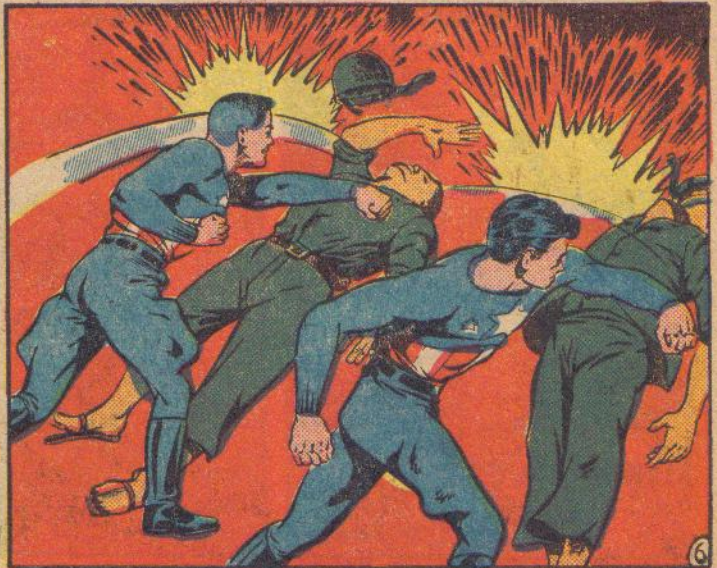
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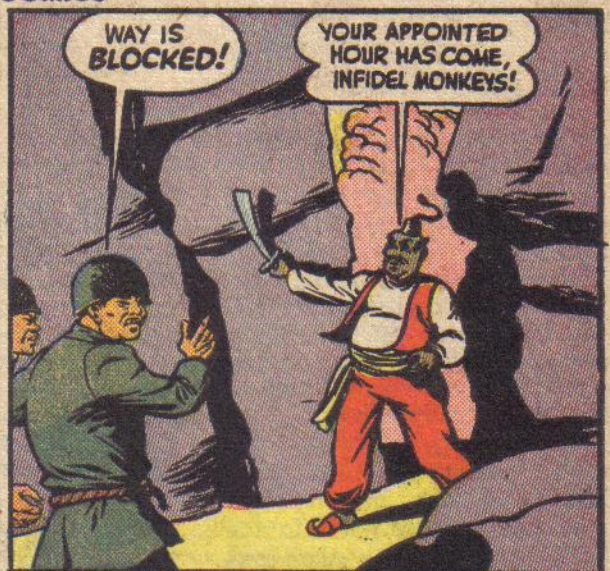
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VOLCANO

THE *Urchin* lay quietly at anchor just a few miles off Martinique. The sea was like a piece of rose glass and a leaping fish was easily visible two hundred yards off. The gulls had gone back to land for their sleep. Their cries carried out to the ship occasionally.

Perry Scott lazed on the deck, looking inquisitively at Mt. Pelee, that ancient dame who had erupted early in the 20th century and wiped out thousands of people. Scott was here to study Mt. Pelee, for the United States government. He had studied other volcanoes, lots of them, in many different countries. He fell to thinking about volcanoes in general and the fallacies current about them.

Many people think of volcanoes as mountains which belch out fire and smoke. Actually volcanoes are not always mountains and never give off fire and smoke.

The supposed smoke is condensed steam and other gases carrying fine particles of dust; the supposed fire is the reflection of glowing lava from clouds overhead.

The essential feature of a volcano is an opening in the earth's surface, called a conduit or volcanic pipe, through which hot liquid rock, solid rock fragments, and various gases are thrown out from the earth's interior. True, most volcanoes do build up steep conical mountains with the opening or crater at the top. These range from small cones hardly larger than a beehive to some of the world's loftiest mountains.

Mt. Cotopaxi in Ecuador is the world's highest active volcano, 19,600 feet in altitude. However, the volcanoes of the Hawaiian Islands, though but 14,000 feet above the sea, rise 30,000 feet from the floor of the Pacific Ocean.

Today the world has about 430 active volcanoes, but several thousands more are dormant or but recently extinct. A great belt or chain of volcanoes surrounds the Pacific Ocean along the west coasts of North America and South America, the Aleutian Islands, Japan, the Philippines, the South Sea Islands and New Zealand.

Another belt runs from Central America through the West Indies, across the Atlantic, the Mediterranean region, and Asia Minor to the East Indies. Very few volcanoes occur outside these belts with the notable exception of certain localities of Iceland, East Africa, and the Central Pacific.

In our own Cascade Range, such peaks as Mounts Baker, Rainier, Hood and Shasta are recently extinct volcanoes. Lassen Peak in northern California is the only historically active volcano in the United States. Many mild explosions of dust-laden steam occurred at Lassen from 1914-1917 and were interpreted as the final spasms of an old and exhausted volcano.

Volcanoes of the mildest phase quietly discharge large quantities of very liquid lava and gases, usually without explosive violence. The great volcanoes of Hawaii, Mauna Loa and Kilauea, belong in this group.

Kilauea contains the famous "fire pit" in which a lava lake bubbled and fountained almost continuously until 1924. The magnificent lava eruptions of Mauna Loa are emitted as fountains of white-hot molten lava hundreds of feet high and flow down the mountains more gracefully than water and with the speed of a torrent.

The volcanoes of Iceland are characterized by quiet fissure eruptions. Lava wells out of

cracks in the earth's surface and flows off on both sides as a thin sheet without building up a conical mountain. Lava floods of this kind in the past formed the plateaus of Yellowstone Park and the Snake and Columbia River country of Idaho, Washington and Oregon—nearly 100,000 square miles of lava beds.

The volcano Stromboli in the Mediterranean Sea has been in continuous eruption since the beginning of the recorded human history with mild explosions every 10 or 15 minutes. Semi-fluid lava is thrown into the air only to fall back into the crater. Dust clouds ascend with each explosion like the smoke puffs of a gigantic locomotive.

In volcanoes of the intermediate phase, long periods of mild activity or even complete quiet are terminated by paroxysmal explosions and large flows of lava. Vesuvius is the best example of this type.

Following a tremendous eruption in 1872, Vesuvius was relatively quiet for 12 years. Then it became mildly active with the discharge of numerous lava flows until 1905.

At that time Vesuvius had built its cone upward to a maximum height leaving only a very small crater opening. The throat of the opening was therefore choked and gases accumulated great power beneath the mountain. Finally this became so great that the gases expanded upwards clearing out the throat or conduit of the volcano with tremendous violence in the grand eruption of April, 1906.

The first stage of this eruption, lasting four days, was the rapid pouring out of lava liquid as the volcanic pipe was emptied. The second stage then began with a continuous vertic

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al blast or blowoff of the compressed gases forming a gigantic cauliflower cloud eight miles high. The final, or dark ash phase consisted of the milder emission of gas clouds loaded with dust and solid fragments from the collapsing crater walls.

The gases given off by Vesuvius and other volcanoes are principally steam, carbon dioxide, and compounds of sulphur, nitrogen, hydrogen and chlorine. Following this eruption, Vesuvius was inactive until 1913 when lava again appeared in the crater.

From 1913 to the present time the volcano has been continuously active with several mild eruptions and lava flows. Another catastrophe is due in the next few years.

Volcanoes of the third and most violent phase of activity have eruptions of devastating violence, though for short duration, separated by long intervals of quiet or inactivity. Katmai in Alaska, Krakatoa in the East Indies, and Pelee in the West Indies are the most famous of this group.

The most stupendous volcanic explosion of recent times took place at the island of Krakatoa in 1883. The greater part of the island was blown away and a submarine hollow formed.

The amount of material lost is estimated at $4\frac{1}{2}$ cubic miles. Dust was blown 20 miles high and completely surrounded the earth, the sound of the explosion

was heard over 2000 miles away and a 100 foot sea wave was produced which was noted 5,000 miles away.

Katmai exploded practically without warning in 1912 and a crater pit two miles in diameter was formed where the mountain had stood. This explosion was heard 750 miles away and dust fell at Vancouver, B. C., 1,300 miles away.

Mt. Pelee in Martinique is characterized by another type of explosive eruption. White-hot clouds of glowing gas and solid particles are shot laterally out of the crater and rush down the mountainside at a mile-a-minute speed. In 1902 such an incandescent cloud swept down Pelee upon the city of St. Pierre. The houses were levelled and ablaze in a moment, and 30,000 people wiped out of existence.

In New York State the remains of a small, long extinct volcano, millions of years old, exists at Stark's Knob near Schuylerville. This hill is composed of lava and is presumably the filling of a much eroded volcanic pipe or conduit.

The Earth was formerly thought to have a hot, liquid interior. Volcanoes were then explained as out-pourings of this liquid interior on the surface.

The study of earthquake waves now proves that the earth's interior is not liquid. The interior is very hot, how-

ever, due in large part to the spontaneous breaking down of radioactive elements.

The heat becomes great enough in local areas to cause the melting of solid rocks, forming large chambers of molten lava usually five to 25 miles below the earth's surface. This molten material rises toward the surface along cracks and weak zones, dissolving and fusing its way.

If the liquid rock reaches the surface before it freezes, a volcano is formed. Surface water often percolates down into the earth's crust and comes in contact with hot liquid lava chambers. The consequent sudden formation of steam gives rise to the more violent volcanic explosions.

A volcano usually remains continuously or intermittently active until its lava chamber again solidifies.

Within the span of human history several new volcanoes have been born, for example, Jorullo in Mexico, and more recently the one which gave the farmers so much trouble.

In recent years volcanic steam has been harnessed for electric power generation. The fumerole field of Tuscany, north of Rome, has been developed for the generation of 16,000 horsepower which is transmitted 60 miles to Florence and other cities. Similar developments are being considered in California and Java.

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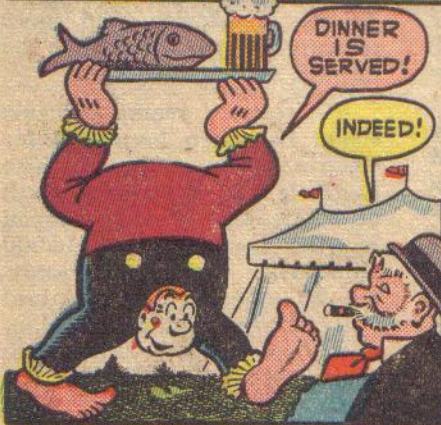
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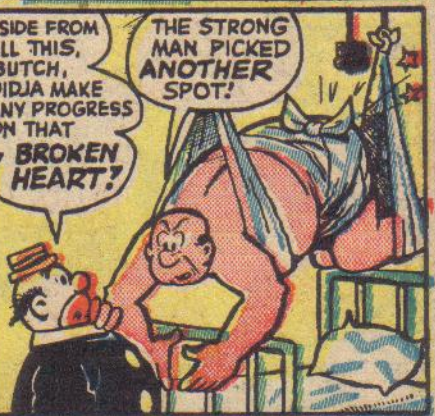
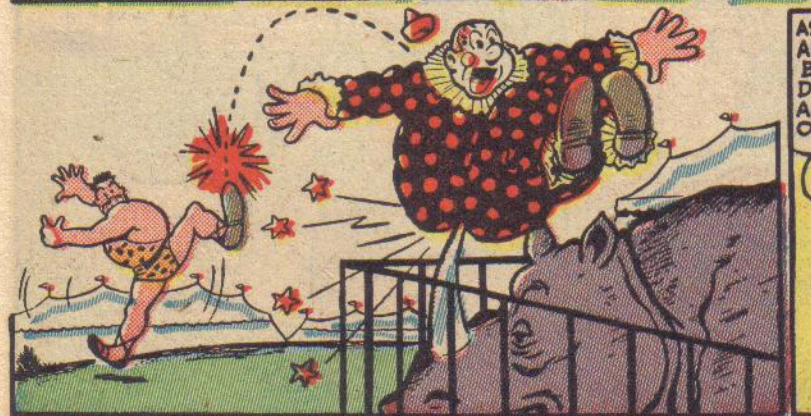
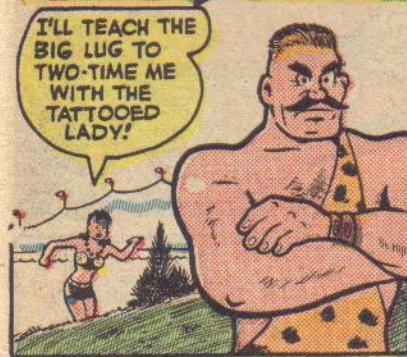
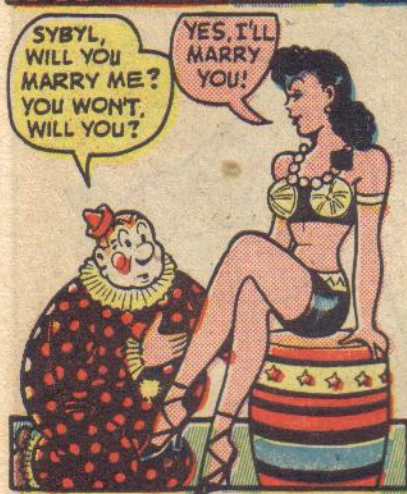
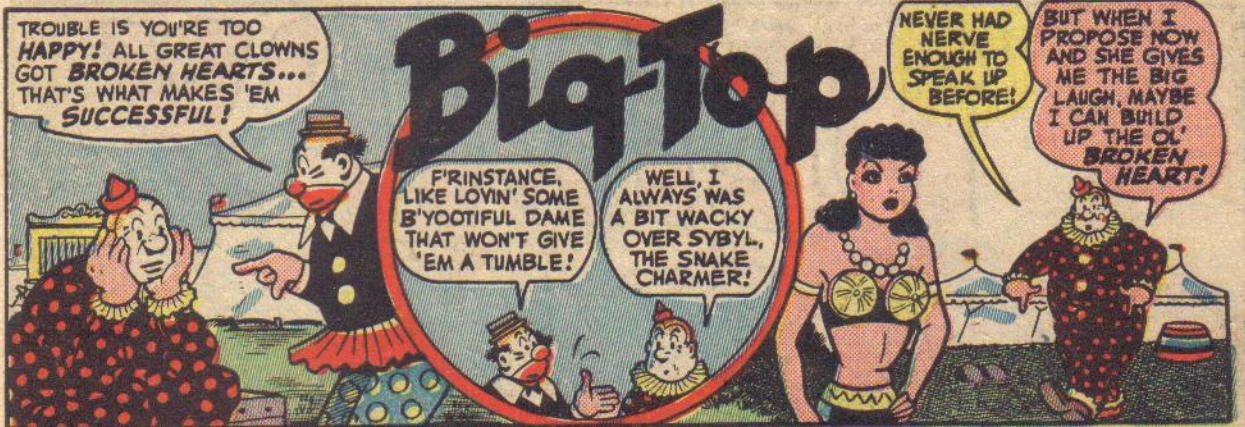
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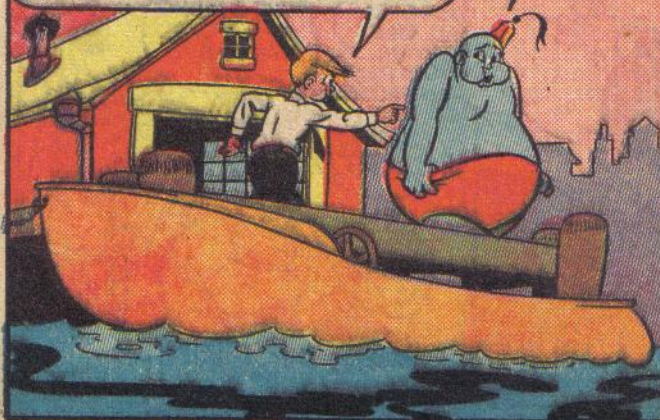


HO! HO! AND NOW, M' HEARTY, YE'LL WALK THE PLANK!

OH, IS THAT ALL? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO DO SOMETHING **DRASTIC** TO ME!

I'M GOING BACK FOR SOME MORE OIL, BLIMPY! THEN WE CAN GO FOR A RIDE IN THE MOTOR BOAT! AND DON'T TAKE IT INTO YOUR HEAD TO GO OUT BY YOURSELF WHILE I'M AWAY! YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BOATS!

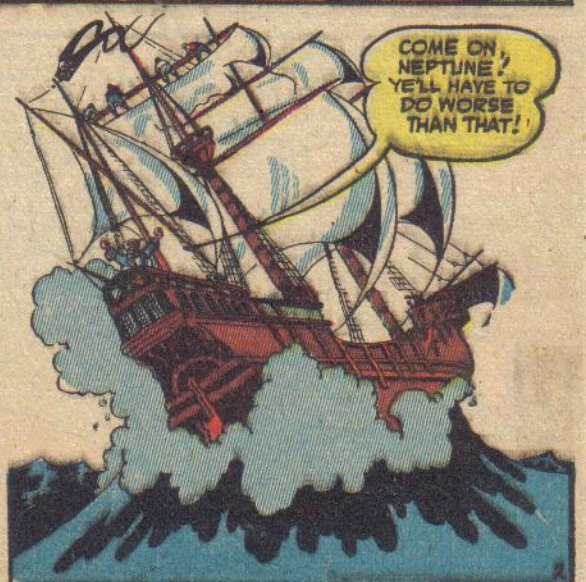
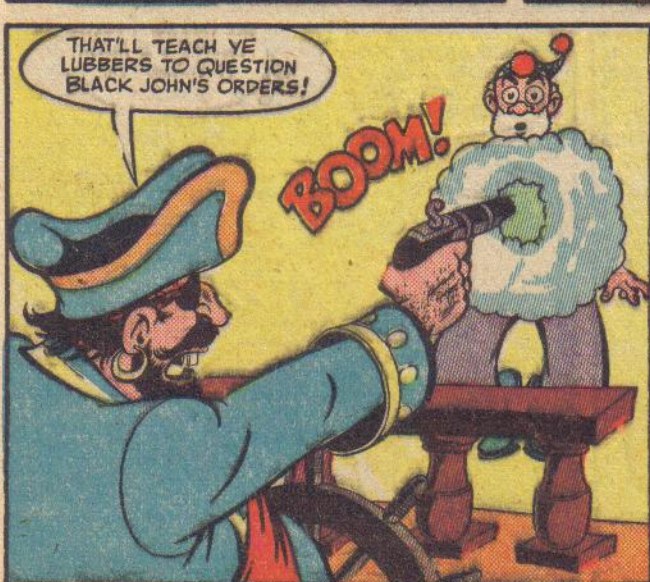
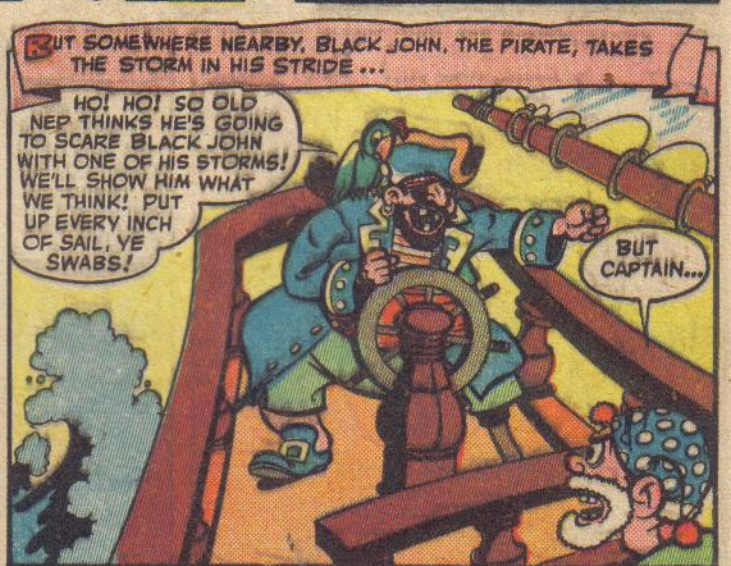
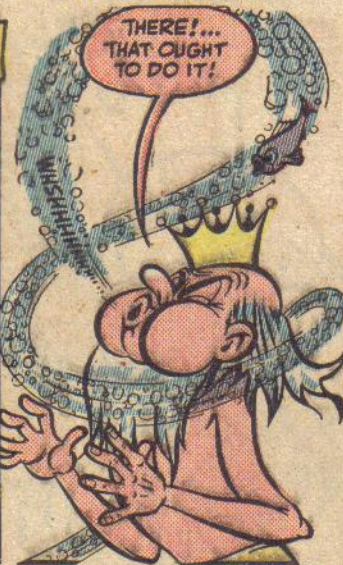
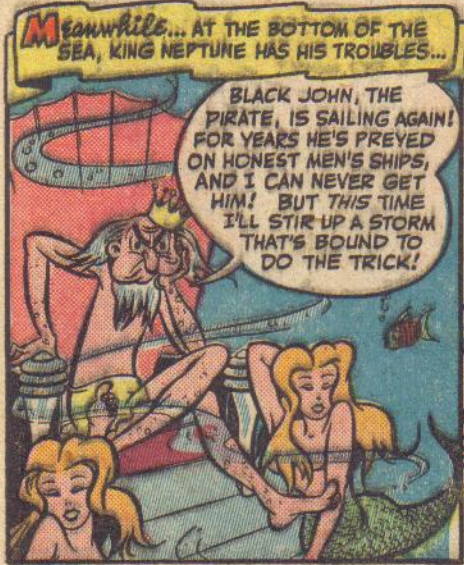
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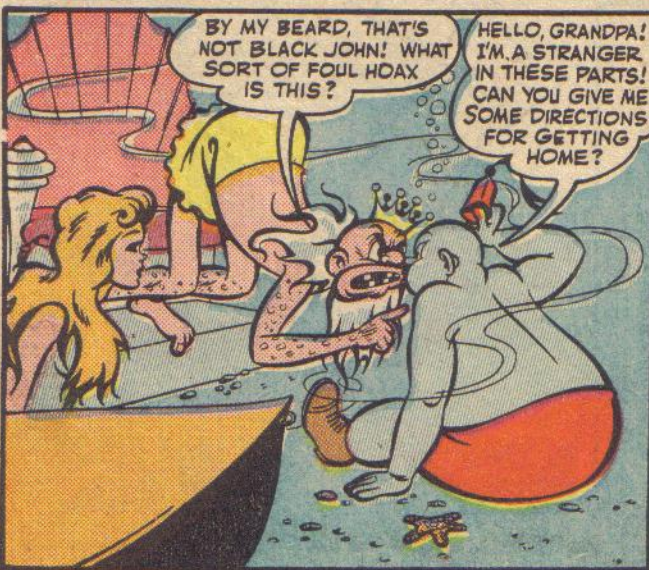
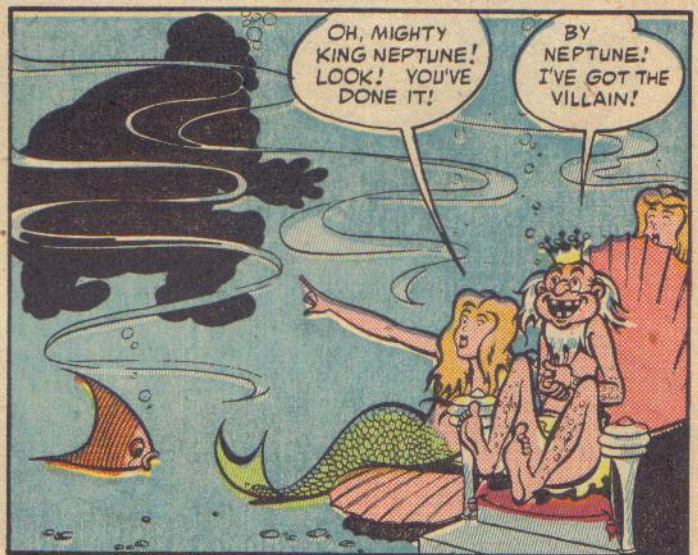
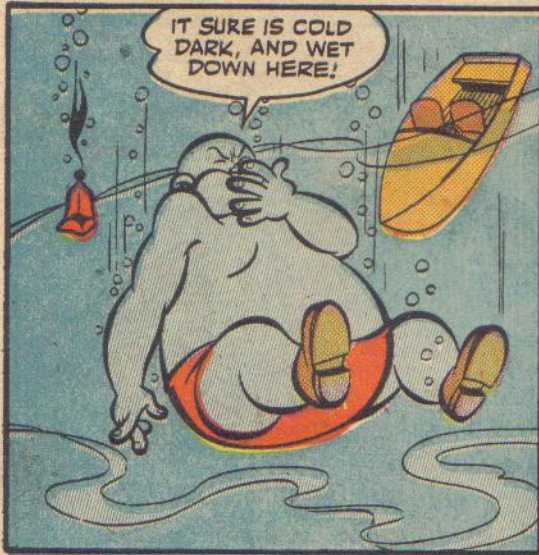
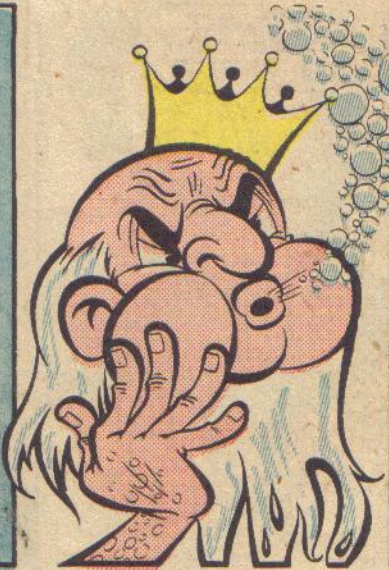


TABBY THINKS I'M AN AWFUL DOPE! I'LL BET I CAN RUN THIS BOAT AS WELL AS HE CAN! I'LL JUST GO FOR A SPIN AND PROVE IT BEFORE HE GETS BACK!

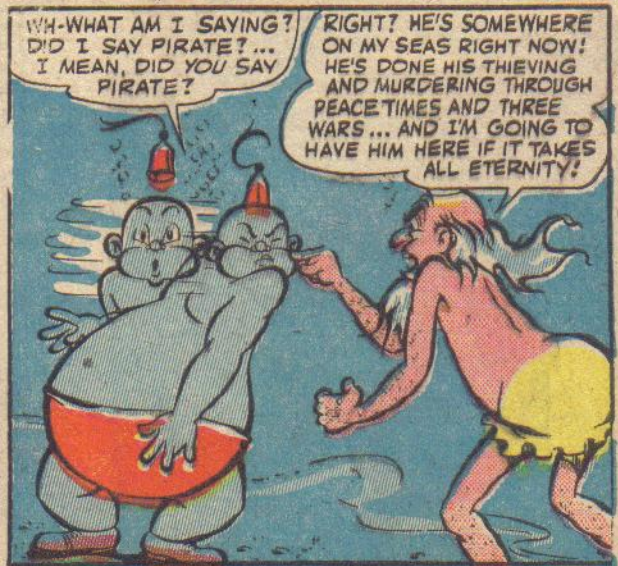
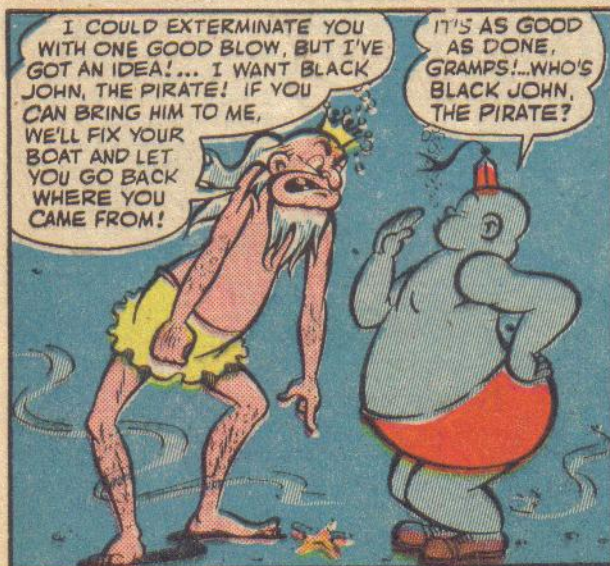
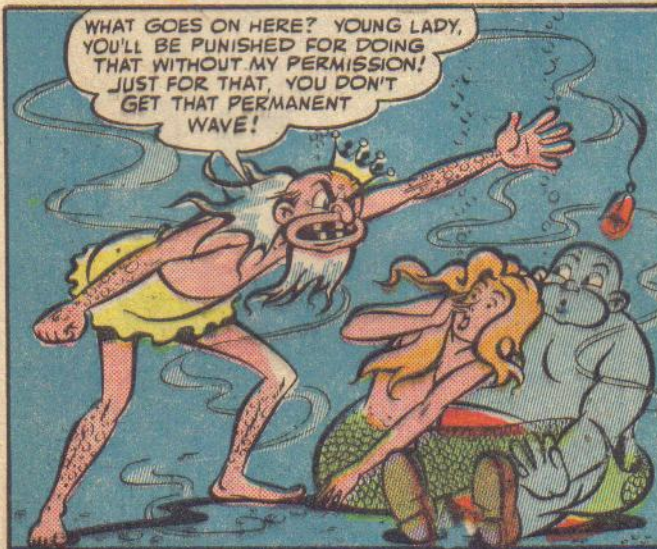


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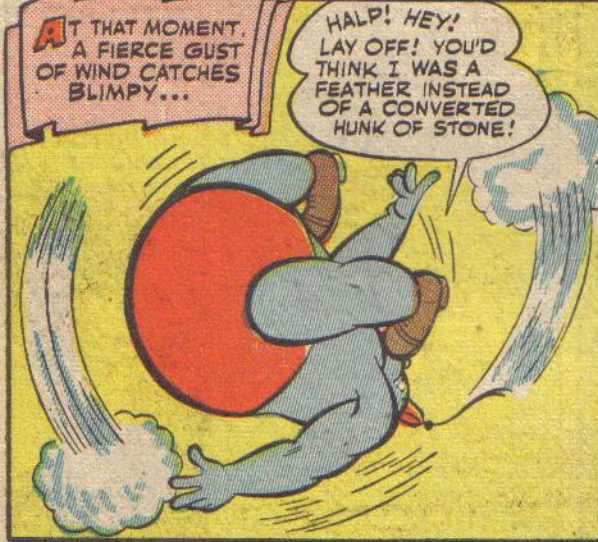
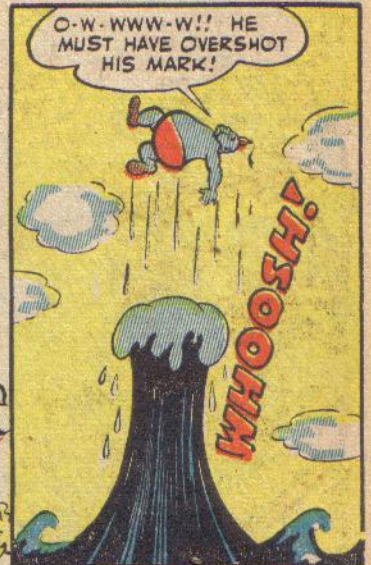
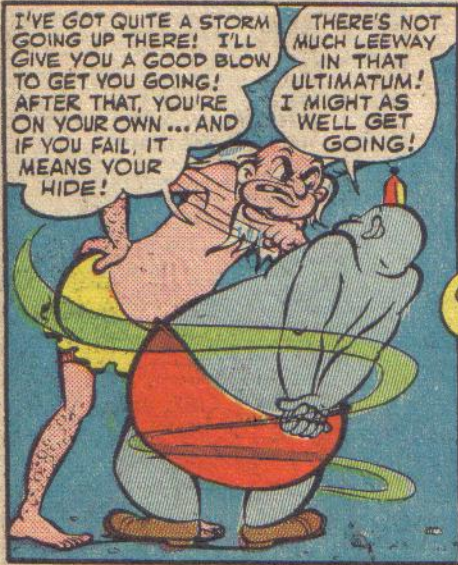




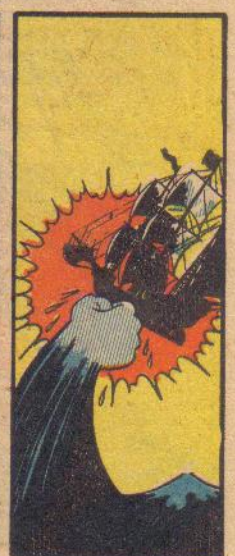
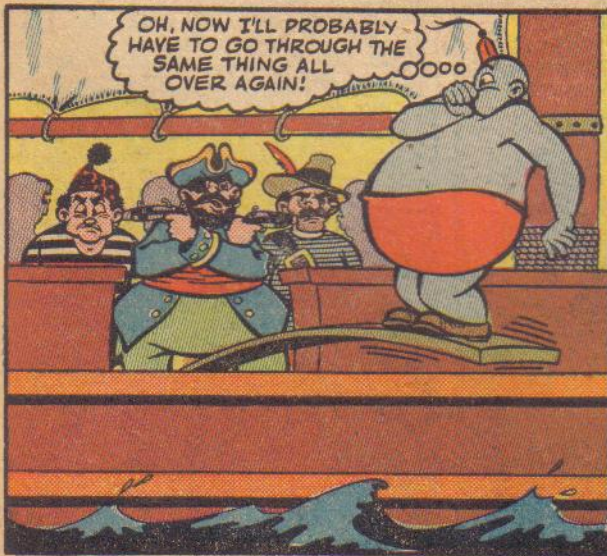
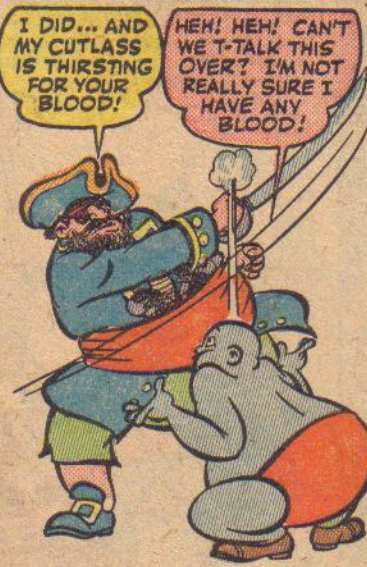
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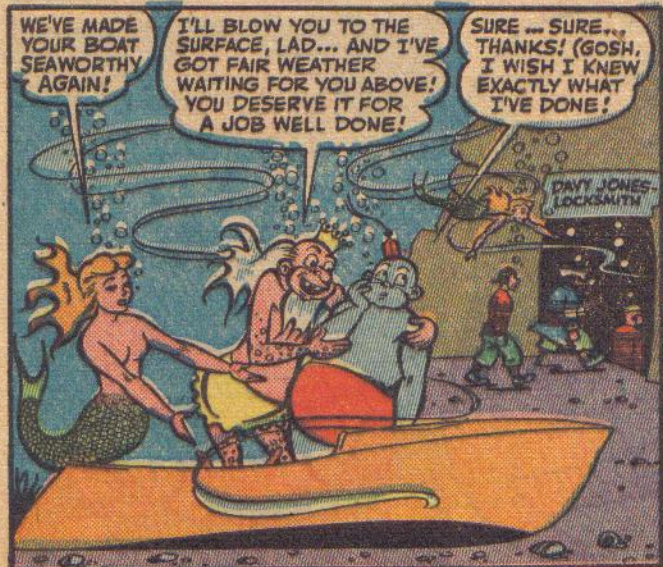
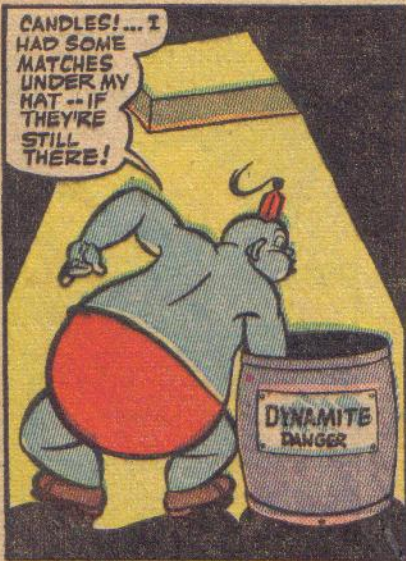
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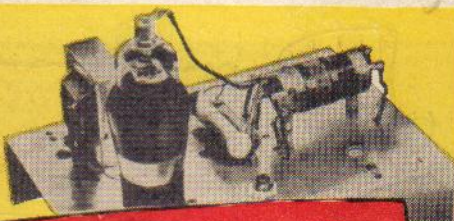
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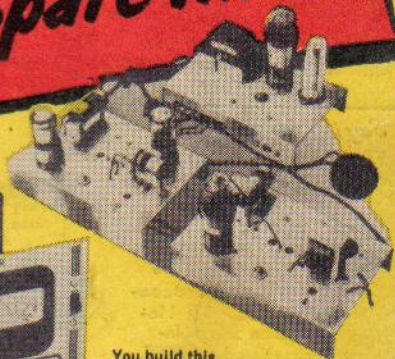
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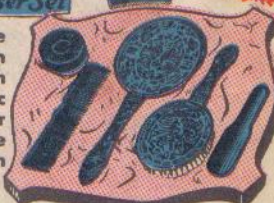
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